

South Dakota

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GRAIN PRICES MIXED FROM LAST MONTH, DOWN FROM LAST YEAR

SIOUX FALLS, September 30, 2003 – Preliminary September crop prices were mixed in changes from last month. Preliminary September crop prices are below last year's prices with the exception of soybeans and all barley, according to USDA's South Dakota Ag Statistics Service. Preliminary September prices for livestock were up from last month and last year. The only exception was hog prices, which were down from last month.

The preliminary September corn price, at \$1.99, was 2 cents lower than August and was down 35 cents from last year. The September soybean price, at \$5.65, was up 25 cents from last month and up 53 cents from last year. The preliminary all wheat price for September, at \$3.37, was up 13 cents from last month but \$1.02 below last year. The winter wheat price, at \$3.16, was up 9 cents from last month but down \$1.20 from last September. The spring wheat price, at \$3.43, was up 14 cents from last month but down 97 cents from last year.

The preliminary all hay price, at \$56.00 per ton, was down \$2.00 from August and down \$22.00 from 2002. The alfalfa price, at \$60.00 per ton, was unchanged from last month but down \$24.00 from last year. The other hay price, at \$41.00, was down \$7.00 from last month and down \$19.00 from 2002.

The preliminary September all beef cattle price, at \$86.90, was up \$9.60 from last month and up \$19.30 from last year. Steers and heifers, at \$92.10, were up \$8.70 from August and \$20.10 above last year. Calves, at \$121.00, were up \$6.00 from last month and \$26.20 above last September.

September's preliminary all hog price, at \$40.80, was down \$2.00 from last month but up \$13.30 from September 2002. Barrows and gilts were \$12.90 above last year, while sows were up \$16.20 from 2002.

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COMMODITY	UNIT	September 2002 1/	August 2003 1/	September 2003 2/
----- DOLLARS -----				
Corn	Bu.	2.34	2.01	1.99
Soybeans	Bu.	5.12	5.40	5.65
Sunflower	Cwt.	13.40	9.20	10.20
Wheat, All	Bu.	4.39	3.24	3.37
Winter	Bu.	4.36	3.07	3.16
Other Spring	Bu.	4.40	3.29	3.43
Barley, All	Bu.	1.95	2.53	2.28
Feed	Bu.	1.95	1.88	NA
Malt	Bu.	NA	2.61	2.28
Oats	Bu.	1.90	1.21	1.22
Hay, All	Ton	78.00	58.00	56.00
Alfalfa	Ton	84.00	60.00	60.00
Other	Ton	60.00	48.00	41.00
Cattle, All Beef 3/	Cwt.	67.60	77.30	86.90
Cows	Cwt.	35.40	45.30	49.10
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	72.00	83.40	92.10
Calves 4/	Cwt.	94.80	115.00	121.00
Hogs, All	Cwt.	27.50	42.80	40.80
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	29.10	44.40	42.00
Sows	Cwt.	15.40	33.10	31.60
Lambs	Cwt.	79.60	98.00	NA
Sheep	Cwt.	25.00	27.60	NA

1/ Full month. 2/ Mid-month. 3/ Over 500 lbs. 4/ Under 500 lbs. 5/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual buyers. NA = Not Available.

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